

## The following are answers to commonly asked questions from the April and May 2016 Neighborhood Conversations.

### TRANSPORTATION:

**Q.** When will light rail arrive in Redmond?

**A.** Construction is underway for East Link Light Rail and service to Overlake begins in 2023. For more information on East Link Light Rail, visit <http://redmond.gov/eastlink>.

**Q.** What is being done to increase bus service?

**A.** East Link Rail extension to Overlake opens in 2023. This service will provide access all over King County including Downtown Bellevue and Seattle, Sea-Tac Airport, Northgate, and the University of Washington. The City has also entered into funding partnerships to provide a variety of transportation options. These options include additional service on bus routes #269 and #244, a new “Redmond Loop” neighborhood shuttle that will begin serving a circulator route around the edge of Downtown in mid-2016, and a new alternative service called “real-time ridesharing” where you can download an app and find a carpool on-demand. For more information on options for getting around Redmond and the region, visit <http://redmond.gov/transportation> and select the transit link or see <http://www.goredmond.com> for commute options.

**Q.** What are the City’s plans for the Two-way street conversion?

**A.** The City is converting Cleveland Street and Redmond way (from 160<sup>th</sup> Ave NE to Avondale Way) to two-way streets. The conversion will make Downtown easier to navigate and more connected whether you are walking or driving. This project is the completion of the planned transportation grid in Downtown that has been taking place over the past six years. For more information see <http://redmond.gov/TwoWayConversion>.

**Q.** How do we find out information about traffic studies?

**A.** There are a variety of ongoing traffic studies being performed within city limits. Some are performed by the City and some are done by other entities. If you have questions or concerns about a traffic study being performed in your neighborhood, please call Allyson Thompson at 425-556-2752. You may also sign up for traffic alerts at <http://www.redmond.gov/enews>.

### HOUSING:

**Q.** What is being done to help the homeless?

**A.** The City of Redmond has a plan to address homelessness that includes outreach, services, and partnering with community organizations and on regional initiatives like King County’s All Home. More information on Redmond’s efforts to reduce homelessness can be found at <http://www.redmond.gov/Residents/HomelessnessInRedmond> or <http://allhomekc.org>.

**Q.** What is the City doing about Affordable Housing?

**A.** Redmond has changed from being a small bedroom community to a population of 59,180 and a net importer of workers that increases the weekday population to 85,000. The City's planning efforts and policies encourage an increased supply and variety of housing to provide opportunities for people to live and invest in the community where they work instead of spending hours commuting to and from home. For more information please visit <http://www.redmond.gov/Government/Housing/HousingAffordability>.

## **PLANNING / DEVELOPMENT**

**Q.** Please research the possibility of a simulated flyover of Redmond urban centers when they are fully developed.

**A.** The City agrees that it would be wonderful to have a simulated flyover of what Redmond urban centers might look like in the future – similar to those done for the Spring District and South Lake Union by developers. City Staff have been directed to share this idea with developers in both Overlake and Downtown as examples of what other developers have done to share the vision for their sites. For more information on Redmond's urban centers, please visit <http://www.redmond.gov/PlansProjects>.

*For general information about development and road projects around the City, please see the interactive Project Viewer map at <http://redmond.gov/ProjectViewer>.*

## **PARKS & RECREATION**

**Q.** When will the Downtown Park be completed?

**A.** The current grass field between Cleveland Street and Redmond Way will become a signature destination park. Construction begins in the fall of 2016, and the new, iconic park will open in 2018. For more information on the park, please visit <http://redmond.gov/DowntownPark>.

**Q.** What is the City doing to plan for a new pool and community center?

**A.** The City began planning for replacement recreation buildings in 2009. A study of the condition of the facilities (Teen Center, Senior Center, Hartman pool, and Old Redmond Schoolhouse) was completed in 2013. A master plan study was completed in 2015, and a replacement pool and community center was recommended. The City developed an 85,600 square foot building concept that includes a lap pool, leisure and play pool, gymnasium, locker rooms, multipurpose spaces for meetings and classes, indoor play, fitness and dance spaces, a walking/running track, and party rental rooms. For more information see <http://www.redmond.gov/RecreationBuildings>.

## **MISCELLANEOUS:**

**Q.** Is there coordination between the City of Redmond and the Lake Washington School District (LWSD)?

**A.** Yes, the City and LWSD coordinate on a variety of issues. However, the City does not have authority over the district.

**Q.** What does the City believe is causing unexplained water on the roadway at West Lake Sammamish Parkway – just across from Idylwood Park?

**A.** Public Works is aware that there is often wet pavement in that area and continues to monitor this location. They have observed that this seems to follow rainfall patterns indicating a ground water seepage issue, but they do not believe it is caused by a water system leak. For more information or to speak with staff directly about the unusual patterns of wet pavement, please call 425-556-2800 and ask for Laurelin Ward (or someone in water operations).